



*We are Disciples of Christ,
a movement for wholeness
in a fragmented world.*

**Gayton Road Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Ministers: Every Believer
Pastor: Jonathan Kruschwitz**

*August 19, 2018
Ordinary Time: Proper 15*



*As part of the one body of
Christ, we welcome all to
the Lord's Table as God
has welcomed us.*

*Please use the Narthex for conversation, gathering and visiting,
so that the Sanctuary may be used for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

GATHERING

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

*“The more I practice prayer, the more I think it is something that is always happening,
like a radio wave that carries music through the air whether I tune in to it or not.”*

(Barbara Brown Taylor)

PRELUDE

“Prayer”

Leon Boellmann

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58)

Let us lift our voices—

As the Lord has lifted us.

Let us sing before the world—

As the Lord sings in our hearts.

Let us delight in what is good—

As the Lord delights in us.

Let us revere all creation—

As the Lord reveres us.

Friends, the good news is a promise that we make true. Christ abides with us.

Let us abide in him too.

Christ lives in us.

Let us live in him too. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 17**

“O Worship the King”

LYONS

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58)

God who dwells with us,

Whose love gives us life—

Attune our hearts

To the hidden depths

Of our ordinary days,

So that we might walk

Wide-eyed with wonder

And handle each moment

With deep care and gratitude.

In Christ, who abides in all things. Amen.

ANTHEM

Becky Ennis and Kathy Habib

SCRIPTURE

John 6:51-58

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:15-20

SERMON

“Living in the Present”

Karen Brown

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 265** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” MORECAMBE

*During this song, all are welcome to come forward to become members of Gayton Road
Christian Church by transfer of membership or baptism.*

Deacons gather in the back of the sanctuary to prepare for the offering.

OFFERING INVITATION

(Ephesians 5:15-20)

OFFERTORY

“Lento in E Minor”

Alexander Guilmant

***DOXOLOGY 50**

“Praise God”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***OFFERING BLESSING**

(John 6:51-58)

**Lord of the feast,
Whose bread and cup
Bring life to all the world—
As you gave yourself in love,
So we give these offerings.
Empty us of our selfishness,
And fill us and all the world
With the power of your resurrection.
Amen.**

CONFESSION

(Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58)

Lord, you take great care
with the smallest of things.

Christ, in you
all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell.

Lord, you abide in all
things.

**When we are not careful
how we live:**

**When we are full
of ourselves:**

**When we are not thankful
for what gives us life:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20)

THE PEACE

(John 6:51-58)

Christ is our peace. By his flesh and blood, we are reconciled with God and one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 429 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

FINEST WHEAT

(Elders and Deacons gather in the back of the Sanctuary to prepare to serve)

Communion is celebrated each Sunday. As a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation, we practice an open table where all are invited to the table. There is no barrier that prevents participation in the Lord’s Supper. The bread and the cup are taken in unison; hold each in your hands until you are signaled to partake. This communion bread is gluten free.

You are invited to bless the bread and the cup for your neighbor. As you pass the element, you may say, “The body of Christ, broken for you,” and, “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN 717**

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

***BENEDICTION**

(Ephesians 5:15-20)

Go, blessed and brimming with the love of God,
Blessed and nourished by the life of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Blessed and singing the song of the Spirit—

**We go now,
Making melody to God and all the world. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in G Major”

Theodore Dubois I

***Please stand if able.**

As a courtesy to other worshippers, please silence phones. Bibles (electronic or book) are most welcome!

Scheduled to serve today:

Preacher Karen Brown
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox
 Intern Emily Croxford
 Lay Leader David Koerner
 Elders Gracie Tingle & Carl Schluter
 Deacons Bill Malla, Alexa McFarlane,
 Radek Larew, & Kathy Habib
 Acolytes Debbie Cook & Gracie Tingle
 Nursery Darrah Davis & Tatum McFarlane

Welcome to Worship:

We welcome to the pulpit today Karen Brown! Karen grew up in Gladys, Virginia. A graduate of William and Mary with a Master’s in Social Work from VCU, Karen worked as a hospice social worker for several years. She felt the call to help patients and families in a more spiritual way, leading her to enroll at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, from which she graduated with her Master’s of Divinity last year. Karen is an active leader at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Whether you are a member, friend or visiting with us today, may God bless you during worship this morning. You ARE welcome and we’re very blessed that you are worshipping with us today!

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Homeless Ministry: We are currently supplying **water and Gatorade** to Rhonda Sneed’s Blessing Warriors homeless ministry. Anyone who wishes to help can bring these items to the outreach area of the narthex. For more information, please see the handout in the narthex.

Yard Sale: Our yard sale is **this Saturday**. Please consider volunteering. Final preparations will begin Saturday morning at 7:30 am. The yard sale itself will run from 8 am to noon. Pack-up will run from noon to 1 pm.

Prayer List: The prayer list has been cleared. If you would like any previous requests to return to the prayer list, please email Jonathan and indicate which requests should return.

Caritas: On the week of **August 26**, GRCC will assist St. Matthews UMC as they host a group of families with Caritas. There is particular need for dinner preparation for one night, overnight chaperones, and supplies. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for more details on how you can lend a hand!

Hymn Sing Sundays: Hymn Sing Sunday returns to GRCC. Simply write down your favorite hymn, from the hymnal, and place it in the glass jar on the table in the narthex. We will try to sing as many of them as possible. Hymn sings will take place on the second Sunday of June, July, August, and September!!!!

Come on over!! This summer, GRCC attendees will have the opportunity to open their homes to the congregation!! We will begin with five hosts who will each invite a fifth of the congregation and a neighbor or two over to break bread together and get to know each other better. These hosts will be reaching out to you to make it known that your presence is desired and anticipated! Come out and enjoy fellowship with others. And maybe...you'll enjoy it so much, you'll want to host the next one the following month. For more information, please contact John Schuler.

Fall Schedule: Beginning on **September 9**, Sunday Schools will resume meeting at 9:45 am and worship will resume meeting at 11 am.

Special Worship: There will be a special worship service on **September 9**. Worship will begin in the Fellowship Hall, where we will prayerfully reflect on our gifts and sense of calling. Then we will gather around the Table for communion and lunch, after which folks will be invited to join a ministry team and to meet with their team for the first time to explore how they might share their gifts in the ministry of the church. Stay tuned for more details!

Brunswick Stew: The tradition continues! We are making Brunswick Stew again this fall, **Saturday, Sep. 22**, with chicken-picking after church on **Sunday, Sep. 16**. If you are able to help in any way, your assistance is greatly appreciated! There is a help and donation sign-up list in the narthex, as well as a pre-sales sign-up list...this year all orders must be in and paid for by Sunday, Sep. 16, and your name will be on each of the quarts belonging to you. Try to pick up your quarts on Sep. 22 as there is limited room to store them in the church freezer. Cost will be \$7 per quart this year. Please make any checks out to GRCC. This is a great opportunity to spread the Word to others through the work of our hands.

Directory Update: Tom and Candice Nguyen's new mailing address is River City RV Park / 2225 Merrill Ave., Space 76 / Bullhead City, AZ 86442.

Out of Office: Jonathan will be out of the office through Wednesday, August 22.

Lectionary Scripture

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

CALENDAR

TODAY

Worship @ 10 am
Board Meeting (after Worship)

THIS WEEK

8/25 **GRCC Yard Sale @ 7:30 am—1 pm**

COMING UP

8/26 **Called Congregational Meeting (after Worship)**
Caritas at St. Matthews UMC @ 4:45 pm—6:30 pm

9/2 Elders Meeting (after Worship)

9/3 AA Labor Day Gathering @ 11 am—3 pm

9/4 Memory Care Gathering (Symphony Manor) @ 10:30 am

9/5 Choir Rehearsals Resume! @ 7

9/9 Fall Schedule Resumes
Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Special Worship: Luncheon and Ministry Team Gatherings @ 11 am

9/16 Chicken-Picking for Stew (after Worship)
Deadline for Stew orders

9/22 Brunswick Stew (times TBA)

9/29 AA Corrections Workshop in Fellowship Hall @ 7 am—6 pm

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Mollie Caiella, and Tom and Candice Nguyen.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis: Jim Harris; Stuart Wilkinson; Anna Lee Werner; Marion Stinnett; June & Bubba Galbraith; and Marion Paitsel.

Friends of GRCC:

Carol Sharp, mother of Julie Round

Lillie May Slaven, grandmother of Julie Round

Joan & Doug Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden

Valerie McCarry, sister of Jeremy Borden

Don Campbell, father of Cliff Campbell

Keel Family (esp. Hunter), friends of June and Bubba Galbraith

Donna Bell, sister-in-law of Barbara Chapman

The Allen Family, friends of Barbara Chapman

Rose Wingard, mother of Anna McFarlane

*During the month of **August**, please be in prayer for these Mission Personnel of the Global Ministries for our church.*

Aug 5-11: Bosela and Brigitte Eale, Kenya

Aug 12-18: Loren McGrail, Israel/Palestine

Aug 19-25: Carmelo Alvarez, Venezuela

Aug 26-Sep 1: Nishan Bakalian, Lebanon

For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit www.globalministries.org

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*Together with other churches in Richmond, we pray this **August** for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of August 19, 2018: We pray for economic development in depressed portions of the city, for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

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***People listed in bold added this week. (Please email or call the church with updates.)**

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GAYTON ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Where everybody is welcome”

Gayton Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a family of friendly, accepting, God-centered people. With our come-as-you-are attitude and non-judgmental philosophy, we believe we are called to love and care for one another and share the Good News of God’s love and grace with the community through our words and actions.